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24 July 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: COMOR Study on Long-Range
Requirements for Satellite
Photographic Reconnaissance

1. Since your injunction that COMOR was to complete the study on the above subject which you assigned after the Board meeting on 22 July, COMOR has met twice on the problem. The parameters of the NPIC study have been agreed upon, and I have requested that it proceed as rapidly as possible. I have requested that it be made available to COMOR by Monday afternoon, although NPIC is doubtful that this deadline can be met if their study is to be well done.

2. The next meeting of COMOR is called for Monday afternoon to consider a draft which I am preparing on the basis of the reports available thus far, which of course would have to be modified by the results of the NPIC study. I preferred not to delay until then in the interests of moving the deliberations on this problem as rapidly as possible.

3. COMOR earlier was briefed [] by the NRO but will on Monday have a refresher on this, as well as on LANYARD. [] of DDS&T briefed the COMOR this morning on []. It is the consensus that these are very important contributions to the development of our report. In addition to [] the regular NRO representative at COMOR meetings, [] NRO was also present this morning and I am sure will provide any information we desire.

5. [] of DIA has stated that General Carroll did not feel this task could be adequately completed within the week deadline, since he like other principals on the Board would need to have the report at least by the day before. [] also advised that General Carroll was planning to call you, requesting an extension of one week. It is the view of COMOR that an extension of one week is essential if the report is to be meaningful.

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6. Recommendation: That you extend the deadline for the completion of the assigned study to Tuesday, 4 August, the report to be available at least by noon of that day to the members of the Board.



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Chairman
Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance

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